power vested in the Conservator of Forests, Shimoga, to permit Rangers to conduct sales where the realisations are expected to be not more than Rs. 50, etc., in each case may be withdrawn as the same is obviously unnecessary.

ORDER No. A. F. 4150-60—FT. 119-39-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 10TH FEBRUARY 1940.

Approved.

J. APPAJI GOWDA,
Secretary to Government,
General Department.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

Mr. M. Subbanna, Representative Assembly Member, Seringapatam, appointed as a member of the Board of Visitors to the Local Fund Hospital at Seringapatam.

READ—

Letter No. C. 974-5, dated 22nd January 1940, from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, requesting sanction for the appointment of Mr. M. Subbanna, Representative Assembly Member, Seringapatam as a Member of the Board of Visitors of the Local Fund Hospital at Seringapatam, in place of Mr. Siddalinga Devaru, deceased.

ORDER No. G. 7175-7—MED. 193-39-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 12TH FEBRUARY 1940.

Sanctioned.

C. E. NORONHA,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

LAW SECRETARIAT

Public Accounts Committee for the year 1939-40.

READ—

Notification No. 3882—L. C., dated 2nd February 1940, publishing the names of the four non-official members of the Legislative Council declared to have been duly elected to the Public Accounts Committee for the year 1939-40.

ORDER No. RL. 1145-215—L. C. 9-39-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 9TH FEBRUARY 1940.

Government are pleased to appoint the Second Member of Council as the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee for the year 1939-40 and the Assistant Secretary to Government in charge of the Financial Department as the Secretary.

The Committee will consist of the following members:—

OFFICIAL.

1. The Secretary to Government, Financial Department.
2. The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

NON-OFFICIAL.

1. Mr. D. H. Chandrasekharaiya, B.A., LL.B., Davangere.
2. Mr. H. B. Gundappa, B.A., B.L., Hassan.
3. Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar, B.A., B.L., Bangalore City.
4. Mr. K. R. Subbannachar, B.A., LL.B., Hole-Narsipur.

C. SUBRAHMANYA AIYAR,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

Empowers the Chikballapur Town Municipal Council to elect a Non-official President from among its members.

READ—

Letter No. A5. C. 2045—39-40, dated 25th January 1940, from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, forwarding, with his remarks, the resolution dated 20th November 1939, of the Chikballapur Town Municipal Council that it may be given the privilege of having a Non-official President.

ORDER No. L. 7149-51—ML. 53-39-53, DATED BANGALORE, THE 13TH FEBRUARY 1940.

Government are pleased to direct, under Section 23(2)(*c*) of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1933, that the Chikballapur Town Municipal Council be given the privilege of electing a Non-official President from among its members.

2. The Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, is requested to take further action in accordance with the prescribed rules and submit a report to Government early.

C. SUBRAHMANYA AIYAR,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

Reports on the Administration of District Boards in the State for the year 1938-39.

READ—

Reports on the working of the several District Boards in the State during the year 1938-39, received from the Presidents of District Boards.

ORDER No. L. 5953-74—L. B. 49-39-6, DATED BANGALORE, THE 3RD—6TH JANUARY 1940.

Recorded.

Constitution.—There were eight District Boards as in previous years. The bifurcation of the Mysore District Board which was to have come into effect from 1st September 1939 was postponed. The terms of all the District Boards were extended up to 1st June 1940, in view of the changes that may have to be effected in their constitution as a result of the recommendations of the Committee on Constitutional Reform in Mysore.

Mr. H. R. Guruv Reddi, President, District Board, Bangalore, having resigned, Mr. B. Abdur Rahmon was elected President in his place. The Vice-Presidents of Tumkur, Mysore and Kadur District Boards resigned their membership on the concerned boards during the year. Mr. T. Syed Khajapeeran was elected Vice-President of the Kadur District Board while the offices of the Vice-Presidents of the Tumkur and Mysore District Boards remained vacant, the Tumkur District Board having resolved that the vacancy need not be filled up for the rest of its term. During the year, as many as 61 vacancies occurred among the members of the several District Boards, mostly on account of resignations and 32 vacancies were filled up by election or nomination. At the end of the year there were 266 members against the sanctioned strength of 295, of whom 172 were elected, 58 were non-officials nominated by Government and 36 were *ex-officio* members as shown in statement No. 1. The District Boards held 43 (40) meetings during the year and the average attendance at each meeting was 25 (27·15) non-officials and 2·9 (3·27) officials or 27·9 in all, against the average sanctioned strength of 36·9 for each District Board.

The Standing Committees of the Bangalore, Mysore and Hassan District Boards held 10, 5 and 5 meetings, respectively, while those of Tumkur, Kolar and Chitaldrug District Boards held four meetings each during the year. The Standing Committee of the Kadur District Board met three times and that of Shimoga held only two meetings. The Bangalore District Board formed a special committee for finding ways and means to balance its budget. The Chitaldrug District Board also constituted a special committee to consider the question of revising the schedule of market fees which had been fixed several years ago.

Rules and Bye-laws.—The Shimoga District Board framed rules for the conduct of business at its meetings and the Chitaldrug District Board revised the bye-laws for regulating the levy of fees at the several shandies under its control. Government issued orders permitting the official members of the District Boards to vote at the election of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the concerned boards.

Finance.—The opening balance of the District Boards at the beginning of the year was Rs. 8,577 and the income and expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 16,81,937 (Rs. 22,59,892) and Rs. 14,50,740 (Rs. 22,01,656), respectively, as noted below :—

Items	Income	Expenditure
	Rs.	Rs.
A. Ordinary items	12,84,783	10,48,349
B. Investment account	2,35,522	1,55,862
C. Debt heads—		
(*a*) Loans	448	5,480
(*b*) Deposits	44,872	53,188
(*c*) Advances	47,908	31,778
(*d*) Drinking Water Wells Fund ...	8,089	25,722
D. Other items	60,315	1,30,361
Total	16,81,937	14,50,740

The abnormal decrease in the total receipts and expenditure as compared with those of the previous year is due to the separation of the Railway Cess Funds from the normal budget of the District Boards. The expenditure was greater than the income in the Kolar and Tumkur District Boards. In regard to the other District Boards, the expenditure was within the income, as most of them could not pay their contributions due to Government during the year for want of funds and have postponed the payments to the next year. It is reported by the Presidents of the District Boards of Mysore, Kolar, Tumkur and Chitaldrug that the contributions on account of local fund dispensaries could not be paid before the end of the year for want of bills from the Comptroller. The Comptroller is requested to send the bills promptly in future. The details of income and expenditure of the several District Boards are contained in statements Nos. II, V, VI and VIII appended.

Income under Ordinary Items.—The income under Service Heads amounted to Rs. 12,84,783 (Rs. 14,46,814), of which a sum of Rs. 7,62,890 (Rs. 7,86,676) was realised from local cess, Rs. 93,012 (Rs. 1,41,464) from tolls, Rs. 1,35,822 (Rs. 1,37,742) from markets, Rs. 87,208 (Rs. 42,803) from contributions and the rest from miscellaneous sources. The income from local cess showed a decline in all the districts except Mysore and Shimoga, though the increase in the Shimoga District was almost negligible. There was a slight improvement in the income from markets in the Kolar, Tumkur, Hassan and Kadur Districts. The arrears to be collected under markets and tolls continue to be heavy and the Presidents of District Boards are requested to take steps to recover them promptly.

Railway Cess Transactions.—Railway cess was continued to be levied in all the districts except Bangalore and Hassan and the income from this source amounted to Rs. 2,04,511 (Rs. 2,14,873). The total income and expenditure under railway cess transactions during the year amounted to Rs. 4,16,105 (Rs. 4,07,131) and Rs. 5,35,897 (Rs. 4,01,787), respectively. A sum of Rs. 31,512 advanced from the normal funds of the Chitaldrug District Board in connection with the Chitaldrug-Chikjajur Railway was ordered to be refunded by debit to the Railway Cess Fund of the District. In connection with the proposal to connect Kadur and Chikmagalur by Railway, a traffic re-survey was ordered by Government during the year.

Expenditure under Ordinary Items.—The expenditure under ordinary items during the year was Rs. 10,48,349 (Rs. 14,58,607), the decrease being due to the fact that certain bills on account of the execution of public works were not paid during the year by some of the District Boards for want of funds. The Bangalore District Board paid only a sum of Rs. 764 for works executed on its behalf by the Public Works Department while the Kadur District Board adjusted a sum of Rs. 4,428 in this behalf.

Public Works.—The expenditure incurred on public works executed by the Public Works and Civil Departments amounted to Rs. 3,66,646 (Rs. 5,71,642)

and Rs. 80,750 (Rs. 97,830), respectively. Most of the District Boards could not undertake public works of a capital nature on account of their financial stringency.

The Sri Jayachamarajendra Bridge near Halagur, Malvalli Taluk, was opened by His Highness the Maharaja.

The Kadur District Board spent a sum of Rs. 87,281 from the Railway Cess Funds on public works. The construction of a bridge and a high level causeway on the Mudgere-Belur Road was completed during the year and the former was opened by the Dewan. The foundation stone for the bridge across the Veda River on the Sakrepatna-Banawar Road was laid by the Second Member of Council. A sum of Rs. 2,967 was spent on intra-communications and Rs. 1,420 for relief works.

The Chitaldrug District Board spent a sum of Rs. 2,33,926 during the year on the five-year programme of works undertaken by it out of the Railway Cess Funds. The bridges at Bilichodu and Donehalli were completed and thrown open for traffic. The bridge at Kellodu is nearing completion and that at Allapur is in good progress. Ten roads of 100 miles in length were opened for traffic during the year. The total amount spent by the District Board from the start of the five-year programme up to the end of the year was Rs. 6,78,617.

The Tumkur District Board undertook the extension of the Anchepalya-Kempanahalli Road at a cost of Rs. 15,000, as also the construction of compound walls to the District Board Office, Tumkur, and to the Musafirkhana at the same place. The formation of a road from Hiresave to Nonavinkare was undertaken by the Hassan District Board. Eight miles of road from Jade to Hosur and four miles of road connecting Hosudi with Shimoga-Holehonnur Road which had been constructed by certain philanthropic gentlemen were taken over by the Shimoga District Board for maintenance. The mileage grants of certain important roads in the Mysore District were enhanced with a view to maintain them in a good and trafficable condition. The Kadur District Board also enhanced the mileage grants of a few important roads.

Medical Relief.—The expenditure under medical relief during the year amounted to Rs. 2,39,464 (Rs. 3,86,900). There were 231 Local Fund Dispensaries, 139 Ayurvedic Vaidyasalas and 247 Midwives maintained by the District Boards wholly or partly from their funds, as against 226, 150 and 240, respectively, during the previous year. A Local Fund Dispensary was opened at Bilichodu, Chitaldrug District and a reduced scale Dispensary at Bidadi, Closepet Taluk. Subsidised dispensaries were opened at Kodigenahalli, Madhugiri Taluk, at Udri, Sorab Taluk, Saswehalli, Honnali Taluk, Yegati and Singatagere, Kadur Taluk, Belakavadi, Malvalli Taluk, and at Sindhughatta, Krishnarajpete Taluk. Additional midwives were stationed at Chelur, Baragur, Kallur, Turuvekere and Kolala in the Tumkur District. The proposal of the Shimoga District Board to appoint eight midwives in the rural parts was sanctioned. An additional midwife to the female section of the Local Fund Dispensary at Vadigenahalli was also sanctioned. Ten Vaidyasalas in the Bangalore District were abolished. The Ayurvedic Vaidyasalas at Yegate, Kadur Taluk, and Sindhughatta, Krishnarajpete Taluk, were discontinued with a view to start dispensaries of the subsidised type at the places. The Vaidyasalas at Badavanahalli and Bevinahalli, Tumkur District, did not function for want of qualified Pandits while those at Sathnoor and Dommasandra, Bangalore District, remained vacant on account of the absence of the Pandits from these places.

Vaccination.—The total number of vaccinations performed during the year was 2,51,632 (1,69,951), the increase being due to the fact that vaccination work was undertaken on an extensive scale in all the districts, especially in the Mysore District.

Vital Statistics.—The total number of births and deaths registered during the year was 1,19,635 (1,23,150), and 90,629 (83,828), respectively. There were 436 deaths from cholera, 307 from small-pox and 2,448 from plague.

Water Supply.—At the beginning of the year, there were 179 incomplete wells and 59 wells were sanctioned during the year, out of which 88 wells were completed. Most of the District Boards did not undertake fresh wells from their funds, in view

of the new Rural Water Supply scheme sanctioned by the Government. The income and expenditure under the drinking water wells fund was Rs. 8,089 and Rs. 25,722 respectively.

Accommodation for Travellers.—The income realised from the fees levied for the occupation of the third class travellers' bungalows and musafirkhanas under the control of the District Boards was Rs. 9,648 and the expenditure incurred for their maintenance amounted to Rs. 35,385. The question of transferring all the third class travellers' bungalows to the Public Works Department as recommended by the District Boards Finance Committee is under the consideration of Government.

Audit of Accounts.—The accounts of all the District Boards for the year 1937-38 were audited by the Local Audit Staff of the Comptroller's Office.

Balances.—The balances at the credit of the District Boards at the beginning and close of the year were as noted below :—

District	Balance on 30-6-1938	Balance on 30-6-1939
	Rs.	Rs.
Bangalore	—66,372	61,365
Kolar	20,781	20,037
Tumkur	18,702	16,569
Mysore	22,283	77,945
Hassan	20,507	21,537
Kadur ...	3,327	21,574
Shimoga	—14,546	923
Chitaldrug	3,895	20,354

The financial condition of the District Boards continues to be very unsatisfactory. The Hassan District Board has not been able to pay the annual equated instalments of the loan granted to it for the construction of a bridge at Ramanathapur and to provide for the sinking fund in respect of the Gorur-Hemavathi Bridge Debenture Loan. The bills on account of the public works executed by the Public Works Department have not been paid by most of the District Boards and some of the District Boards are carrying on their normal administration by taking an overdraft from Government. Government have since issued orders on almost all the recommendations of the District Boards Finance Committee, which, it is hoped, would improve their finances to a considerable extent and enable them to balance their budgets.

The offices of the District Boards were inspected by the respective Deputy Commissioners during the year.

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